

CLAIMS

1. A method for a wireless service provider to support a subscriber having a plurality of wireless communications devices, wherein the wireless service provider charges a single subscription fee for an application and permits the application to be invoked singularly through a plurality of wireless communications devices, comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection for a selected application form at least one of the plurality of wireless communications devices;

sending the selected application to at least one of the plurality of wireless communications devices;

recording information of the selected application and information of the plurality of wireless communications devices;

receiving an activation request for the selected application from a requesting wireless communications device;

checking availability of the selected application; and

if the selected application is available, marking the selected application as unavailable to other wireless communications devices of the plurality of wireless communications devices and sending an activation to the requesting wireless communications device.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of associating subscriber information with the information of the selected application and the plurality of wireless communications devices in a subscription table.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of verifying that the requesting wireless communications device belongs to the subscriber.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of, if the selected application is unavailable, sending a failure message to the requesting wireless communications device.

5. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of providing a subscription table in a server.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the server is a remote server.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending an application menu to the plurality of wireless communications devices.
8. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of receiving subscriber information from the requesting wireless communications device.
9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of checking the subscriber information against information in the subscription table.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving information about the requesting wireless communications device.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a password from the requesting wireless communications device.
12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of checking the password against information in the subscription table.
13. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a user name.
14. A system for a wireless service provider supporting a subscriber with a plurality of wireless communications devices, wherein the wireless service provider charges a single subscription fee for a service and permits the service to be invoked singularly through a plurality of wireless communications devices, comprising:
a mobile switching center in communication with a plurality of wireless communications devices, wherein the plurality of wireless communications devices have same subscriber information;

a server in communication with the mobile switching center, the server having a subscription table, wherein the subscription table has a plurality of entries, each entry having

a subscriber identification field,
an application identification field, and
a plurality of device identification fields, wherein each device identification field stores information about one wireless communications device.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein the subscription table further comprising a current device field.

16. The system of claim 14, wherein the subscription table further comprising a password field.

17. An apparatus for supporting a subscriber of wireless service to access an application from a plurality of wireless communications devices, comprising a server in communication with a wireless service provider, wherein the server receives an application selection, subscriber information, and wireless communications device information from the subscriber, wherein the server receives a request to access to the application from a requesting wireless communications device, and the server providing access to the requesting wireless communications device and blocking access of other wireless communications devices of the plurality of wireless communications devices until the requesting wireless communications device relinquishes access to the application.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the server includes a subscription table having a plurality of entries, wherein an entry has
a subscriber identification field,
an application identification field, and
a current device identification field.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the entry further has a password field.

20. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the entry further has at least one wireless communications device identification field.

21. A method to access an application from a plurality of wireless communications devices, wherein the application can be invoked singularly, comprising:

a step for receiving a selection for a selected application from a requesting wireless communications device, wherein the wireless communications device belongs to a single subscriber account;

a step for determining if the selected application is associated with the single subscriber account;

if the selected application associated with the selected subscriber in the subscription table is in user by another wireless communications device, a step for sending a failure message to the wireless communications device; and

if the selected application associated with the selected subscriber in the subscription table is not in user by another wireless communications device, a step for activating the selected application for the requesting wireless communications device.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

a step for receiving a password from each of wireless communications devices;
and

a step for verifying the password.

23. An apparatus for supporting a subscriber of wireless service to access an application from a plurality of wireless communications devices, comprising:

means for providing an application to a plurality of wireless communications devices;

means for receiving a request from at least one of the plurality of wireless communications devices to access a subscribed application; and

means for allowing access to only one of the plurality of wireless communications devices to a subscribed application at any time.

24. The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising a mean to verify the identity of the user requesting access to the subscribed application.

25. The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising a mean to identify the wireless communication device requesting access to the subscribed application.

26. An apparatus for supporting a subscriber to access an application from a plurality of wireless communications devices, comprising a server in communication with a wireless service provider, wherein the server receives an application selection, subscriber information, and wireless communications device information from the subscriber, wherein the server has a subscription table, the subscription table having a plurality of entries, wherein an entry has

- a subscriber identification field,
- an application identification field, and
- an active user number field.

27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the entry further has a password field.

28. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the entry further has at least one wireless communications device identification field.

29. A method to access an application from a plurality of wireless communications devices, wherein the application can be invoked by the plurality of wireless communications devices, comprising:

- a step for setting a predefined user number for a selected application in a subscription table for a subscription account;
- a step for receiving a selection for the selected application from a wireless communications device, wherein the wireless communications device is associated with the subscription account;
- a step for comparing an active user number for the selected application with the predefined user number; and

if the active user number for the selected application is lesser than the predefined user number, a step for activating the selected application in the wireless communications device and incrementing the active user number.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:
a step for receiving a password from the wireless communications device; and
a step for verifying the password.

31. The method of claim 30, further comprising, if the active user number is bigger than the predefined user number, a step for sending a failure message to the wireless communications device.

32. A computer program storing in a computer readable memory, the computer program when executed by a computer device performing the steps of:
receiving a request for a subscribed application from a requesting wireless communications device;
determining if the subscribed application is in use by another wireless communications device;
if the subscribed application is not in use, blocking access to the subscribed application by other wireless communications device and activating the subscribed application for the requesting wireless communications device; and
if the subscribed application is in use, sending a failure message to the requesting wireless communications device.

33. The computer program of claim 32 further performing the steps of:
receiving a password from the requesting wireless communications device; and
verifying the password.

34. The computer program of claim 32 further performing the step of
creating an entry in a subscription table for the subscribed application.

35. The computer program of claim 32 further performing the step of
sending an application menu to the requesting wireless communications device.

36. The computer program of claim 32, further performing the step of verifying that the requesting wireless communications device belongs to a subscriber.

37. The computer program of claim 32, further performing the step of, if the subscribed application is unavailable, sending a failure message to the requesting wireless communications device.

38. The computer program of claim 32, further performing the step of receiving subscriber information from the requesting wireless communications device.

39. The computer program of claim 38, further performing the step of checking the subscriber information.

40. The computer program of claim 32, further performing the step of receiving information about the requesting wireless communications device.

41. The computer program of claim 32, further performing the step of receiving a user name.